



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 248

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Substitute House Bill No. 5385

House of Representatives, March 30, 2026

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY UNDUE DELAY IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS BY POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study causes of undue delay in workers' compensation claims made
3 by police officers and firefighters. Such study shall include, but need not
4 be limited to, an examination of delays caused by (1) administrative
5 processing of such claims, (2) medical provider availability and
6 schedule limitations, and (3) insurer authorization requirements.
- 7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

16 (7) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; and

17 (8) The chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission, or
18 the chairperson's designee.

19 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
20 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
21 of the General Assembly.

22 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
23 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
24 be filled by the appointing authority.

25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
26 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
27 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
28 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
29 days after the effective date of this section.

30 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
32 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

33 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
34 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
35 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
36 and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
37 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
38 it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force, which has no fiscal impact.

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Municipal Impact: None



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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

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Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/12/2026)